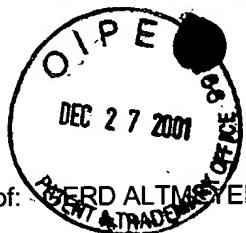


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For: FILTER ELEMENT WITH PLASTIC FILTER CASING

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application:

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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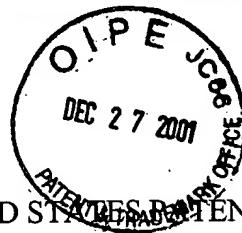
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Sir:

Responsive to the September 5, 2001 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Specification

Delete pages 1-7 in their entirety and add the appended substitute specification therefor,

pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.125.

In The Claims

Cancel claims 1-9, and add the following new claims:

10. A filter element, comprising:  
a fluid-permeable supporting pipe;